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DAILY BRIEFING

NEWS:

1- The largest produce growers that will be regulated under the Food Safety Modernization Act's produce rule will be subject to the new regulations as of Jan. 28. North Carolina is one of the states that have helped prepare an On-Farm Readiness Review farmers can request to check their FSMA compliance. [American Farm Bureau](#)

2- A columnist argues passionately in the Washington Post that avoiding GMOs isn't just anti-science; it's immoral. Former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels writes that ignoring modern agricultural technology is foolish and cruel when those technologies could feed hungry countries. [Washington Post](#)

3- A new USDA report shares the impact of food labeling and how customers perceive what they read on those labels. [Southeast Farm Press](#)

4- Asheville has regained the title of No.1 City in the U.S. for beer from SmartAsset, which had ranked it second last year. [Triangle Business Journal](#)

5- A major survey of California fruits and vegetables tested— 3,585 samples of 161 fruits and vegetables collected from a variety of sources— showed that 96 percent had little or no pesticide residue. [The Packer](#)

6- The state's Forest Service has to adapt and remain vigilant from year to year to tackle insect threats to North Carolina forests, and officials say the

threat is only increasing with time. [In the Field](#)

7- Glyphosate has been a source of debate in the year, and this article looks at where the herbicide stands worldwide at the end of the year. [AgWeb](#)

8- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is investigating the source an E. Coli outbreak that's sickened 17 people in 13 states and possibly in parts of Canada. [CDC](#)

9- The Atlantic looks at new research that considers the problem of "food swamps," rather than "food deserts." Food swamps are places dense with poor food choices leading to rising obesity rates. [The Atlantic](#)

UPDATES & MORE:

1- We hope you've had a wonderful 2017, and enjoy the start of 2018. Daily Briefing will be off Monday for New Year's Day, but will return Tuesday!

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